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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter is to inform you that on March 25-26, 1998, the undersigned and the below-listed representatives of I-Link Worldwide, LLC, met with Paul Gallant, Advisor on Common Carrier issues to FCC Commissioner Gloria Tristani:

John Edwards, President and CEO  
David E. Hardy, General Counsel  
Alex Radulovic, Vice President, Engineering

The participants discussed issues relating to the FCC's upcoming Universal Service Report, particularly as they relate to information services delivered over Internet Protocol networks. The representatives of I-Link Worldwide, LLC, stated that the Internet and associated information capabilities are stimulating demand for telecommunications services. In addition, the use of multifunction or hybrid devices to interact with voice and text-based information/enhanced services that operate in IP protocol will bring information services to a wider portion of the U.S. population. Because the promise of these services is so bright, reclassification of some information services at this juncture would not only thwart the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, but also its aims.

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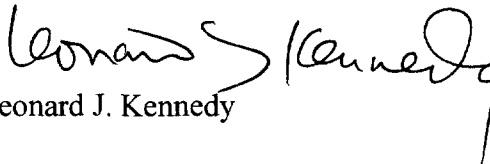
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In accordance with the requirements Section 1.1206(a) of the Commission's Rules, an original and one copy of this letter and I-Link's associated press information are being submitted to the Secretary's office for filing in the above-referenced docket. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

  
Leonard J. Kennedy

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Attachments

cc: Paul Gallant, Esq.

## *News Release*

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### ***For Immediate Release***

## **I-Link Takes Long Distance To A New Low: 4.9¢/min.**

*New long-distance rates announced at I-Link's national conference*

DRAPER, Utah (March 19, 1998) — I-Link Inc. (Nasdaq: ILNK), a new type of long distance and enhanced communications services provider, today announced the availability of the lowest long-distance rates on the market: 4.9 cents per minute.

The new rates — available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — were announced as part of a series of new services from I-Link™. The 4.9-cent-per-minute rate is available to I-Link's V-Link™ subscribers whose long-distance calls both originate and terminate in calling areas connected to I-Link's enhanced IP (Internet protocol) telephony network. These V-Link local access areas currently include 25 calling areas located in the metro markets surrounding Los Angeles; Orange County, Calif.; Dallas/Ft. Worth; Houston; Phoenix; and Salt Lake City.

For V-Link calls that originate in a V-Link local access area and terminate anywhere else in the continental United States, rates are 6.9 cents per minute. For customers not within V-Link local access areas, extended access is available to most customers in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Texas and Utah with long-distance rates from 5.9 to 7.9 cents per minute. And V-Link customers outside V-Link local or extended calling areas in the continental U.S. can take advantage of long-distance rates of 8.9 cents per minute.

— more —

“When we combine I-Link’s enhanced network using Internet protocols with existing fiber-optic and copper infrastructure, we are able to offer these phenomenal rates to millions of customers today,” said John Edwards, chairman and CEO of I-Link. “Low-cost long distance is but one of many affordable enhanced services — such as one-number automatic call routing with voice mail, paging, e-mail and fax — that our technology brings to home and small office users.”

I-Link subscribers pay a monthly fee of \$4.95 for V-Link Access™, which includes integrated voice, e-mail and fax messaging along with a user-friendly Internet interface for managing messages, plus long-distance rates as low as 4.9 cents per minute.

Customers can sign up for I-Link service beginning April 1 by contacting an I-Link independent representative or by calling 1-800-454-7453. I-Link will soon be announcing additional markets that will be added to its enhanced network during the next six months.

Founded in 1994, I-Link Inc. (Nasdaq: ILNK) is a new type of communications company providing low-cost long distance and enhanced communications products and services while maintaining traditional reliability, quality and pervasiveness. I-Link’s products and services are primarily offered through a network marketing channel. Through wholly owned subsidiary MiBridge Inc., I-Link develops emerging communications technologies that are used by I-Link and other leading communications firms worldwide. I-Link is headquartered in Draper, Utah, and its Web site is located at <http://www.i-link.net>.

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## **I-Link Announces Nationwide Availability Of V-Link**

### ***Enhanced IP telephony services announced at I-Link's national conference***

DRAPER, Utah (March 19, 1998) — I-Link Inc. (Nasdaq: ILNK), a new type of long distance and enhanced communications services provider, today announced the nationwide availability of V-Link™ enhanced communications services.

V-Link is a fully integrated communications service that enhances the value of telephones, cellular phones, pagers and fax machines by combining them into a single communications environment. V-Link also provides conference calling, e-mail, fax-on-demand and V-Link One Number™ calling features.

V-Link has two service plans designed for home and small business customers — V-Link Access™ and V-Link Access One™ — and three service plans designed especially for network marketers. Pricing starts at \$4.95 per month and subscribers also qualify for long-distance rates as low as 4.9 cents per minute.

“In this very competitive industry, many companies have announced Internet protocol (IP) telephony offerings. However, we are the first to also deliver enhanced IP telephony services to our subscribers,” said John Edwards, I-Link™ chairman and CEO. “This means our subscribers will not only receive some of the lowest long-distance rates in the industry but they will also have access to the most comprehensive set of integrated messaging and communications solutions.”

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### **I-Link Announces Commercial Deployment of Enhanced IP Telephony Network**

***Network allows company to offer enhanced services and long distance as low as 4.9¢/min.***

DRAPER, Utah (March 19, 1998) — I-Link Inc. (Nasdaq: ILNK), a new type of long distance and communications services provider, today announced the commercial deployment of its enhanced Internet protocol (IP) telephony network.

The installation of the I-Link™ enhanced IP-telephony network allows more than 25 calling areas in the metro areas of Los Angeles; Orange County, Calif.; Dallas/Ft. Worth; Houston; Phoenix and Salt Lake City to take advantage of long-distance rates as low as 4.9 cents per minute as well as unified voice, fax and e-mail messaging, conference calling and one-number call routing.

“The first network devices are already in place and performing exceptionally well,” said Alex Radulovic, I-Link vice president of engineering. “The rates we use as measurements of connection success and call quality indicate our devices are performing better than traditional switches. However, it’s important to note this is not just any network, this is a network combining telco, intranet, voice messaging, paging, Internet, e-mail and more.”

I-Link’s subsidiary, MiBridge Inc., develops the encoding subsystem that is used in leading IP telephony servers. MiBridge works closely with I-Link to optimize I-Link’s enhanced network performance using MiBridge’s standard IP gateway subsystem.

John Edwards, I-Link chairman and CEO, said, "We've made a significant investment in developing an intelligent network platform that is much more than a traditional communications engine which simply acts as a gateway device. Our 'smart network' allows us to integrate into a mixed network of other network devices. We don't have to undertake the enormous and time-consuming expense of installing a completely new nationwide infrastructure because we can leverage other existing physical facilities. Every other effort to build communications infrastructure across the country is an effort to help us reach more people with some of the lowest long-distance rates in the industry."

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